

Yukon River In-Season Management Teleconferences, 2007

Teleconference calls are a practical and useful method for discussing the complexities of salmon management and for gaining immediate real-time information from fishers along the 1,400-mile expanse of the Yukon River. Therefore, the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) hosted weekly in-season teleconference calls during the 2007 Yukon River salmon fishery season. The teleconference calls, held every Tuesday at 1300 hours (Alaska time), were a means to exchange information on run timing, abundance, and escapement data; discuss management strategies; facilitate open dialogue between users and management entities; and enable salmon resource users drainage-wide, including Canadians, to communicate. In addition to reports of local observations, the calls also provided information to fishers regarding research and escapement monitoring tools operated by State and Federal entities, thereby allowing a two-way street for information sharing and capacity building. Summaries of each call were written and distributed to teleconference participants. In total, 16 teleconferences were held in the 2007 fishing season.

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